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SUBJ: OPIUM - THE STATISTICAL MORASS

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1. THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU IS SINGAPORE'S MAIN REPOSITORY FOR INFORMATION ON DRUG ABUSE, REHABILITATION AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT MATTERS. OFFICIAL FIGURES HAVE THE OPIUM ABUSER POPULATION PEGGED AT 4,000 ALTHOUGH ONE CNB OFFICER ESTIMATES THE NUMBER TO BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER (DEA WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THIS FURTHER). WE ESTIMATE THAT EACH OPIUM ABUSER CONSUMES AN AVERAGE OF 4 GRAMS OF OPIUM PER DAY FOR A TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF 16 KILOGRAMS A DAY OR 5,840 KILOGRAMS A YEAR. ALTHOUGH THESE FIGURES REPRESENT ONLY AN EDUCATED GUESS, THEY

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ROUGHLY TALLY WITH CNB'S ESTIMATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 500 KILOS OF OPIUM ENTER SINGAPORE EACH MONTH.

2. MORPHINE HAS LOST ITS POPULATIRY TO HEROIN NO. 3 AND ONLY 1,000 ABUSERS ARE ESTIMATED TO RESIDE IN SINGAPORE, EACH INJECTING AN AVERAGE OF 1.5 GRAMS OF MORPHINE PER DAY. THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO 1.5 KILOS OF MORPHINE PER DAY OR 547

KILOS PER YEAR WHICH AT A CONVERSION RATE OF 10 TO 1 WOULD INVOLVE THE USE OF 5,470 KILOS OF OPIUM (THE CONVERSION TAKES PLACE OUTSIDE OF SINGAPORE).

3. ALL HEROIN USAGE IS CONFINED TO THE SMOKING OF HEROIN NO. 3, AND ACCORDING TO THE LATEST CNB INFORMATION THE EMBASSY'S RECENT REPORT OF BETWEEN 8,000 AND 10,000 HEROIN USERS (SEE EMBASSY'S A-16, FEB. 11) SHOULD BE REVISED UPWARDS TO INDICATE A MAXIMUM OF 12,000 DRUG ABUSERS (THIS FIGURE INCLUDES BOTH ADDICTS AND OCCASIONAL USERS). THESE INDIVIDUALS CONSUME BETWEEN .2 GRAMS AND 4 GRAMS OF 40 PER CENT HEROIN PER DAY, WITH THE AVERAGE ABUSER CONSUMING .8 GRAMS. IF WE USE 10,000 AS BEING THE MEAN ABUSER POPULATION OUR CALCULATIONS WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: 10,000 ABUSERS MULTIPLIED BY 365 DAYS EQUALS 2,920 KILOS PER YEAR OF 40 PERCENT HEROIN, OR 1,168 KILOS OF PURE HEROIN. THE ABUSER CONSUMPTION RATE PER DAY IS .32 GRAMS OF PURE HEROIN. THIS ARRIVED AT BY THE FOLLOWING: .8 GRAMS OF 40 PER CENT HEROIN EQUALS .32 GRAMS OF PURE, PER DAY. THIS GIVES US THE DAILY DOSAGE RATE OF 320 MILLIGRAMS OF PURE HEROIN PER ABUSER, PER DAY. ALTHOUGH 320 MILLIGRAMS SEEMS HIGH WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH IS USED UP DURING THE BURNING PROCESS. HOLDRIDGE

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